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AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that human error and technical defects are the main contributory factors leading to aircraft accidents in the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether majority of accidents were caused due to inadequate flying experience, error of skill, judgement and non-compilance of laid down instructions;

(c) if so, the steps taken to minimise error of skill and judgement of pilots;

(d) the lacunae in the training infrastructure and equipment responsible for causes of accidents; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to overcome such causes? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Human error accidents involve multiple factors. However, majority of the human error accidents are due to error of skill/judgement. There have been a few cases of violation of laid down instructions also.

(c) to (e): Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill level, ability to exercise sound judgement and improve the situational awareness are constantly being reviewed and implemented.

Government have also decided to go in for the acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainers (AJTs) and Simulators for imparting better training to young pilots.